

Application No.: 10/673,674
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Remarks

Claims 67, 69-74, 93, and 120-133 are pending in the application. Claims 56 is cancelled
by this amendment.

Related Proceedings

Applicants wish to advise the Examiner that U.S. Pat. No. 6,460,042 is being reexamined under Reexamination Control No. 90/007,706. A Notice of Intent to Issue Reexamination Certificate has been mailed. A request for Inter Partes Reexamination for U.S. Pat. No. 6,460,042, Control No. 95/000,286, has been filed. U.S. Pat. No. 6,345,278 is being reexamined under reexamination control number 90/008,322.

Claim objections

Claim 93 is objected to as depending from cancelled claim 84. Amended claim 93 depends from claim 129 or 130.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 129 and 130 are indicated allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 129 and 130 are rewritten into independent form.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 56, 67, 69-74, 93, and 120-128, and 131-133 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,758,324 to Hartman in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,237,035 to Himmel et al. and various tertiary references.

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Claim 56 is cancelled. All remaining claims are amended to depend from allowable claims 129 or 130.

Applicants submit that all claims now depend from claims indicated allowable and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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